

John Brown

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial History

John Brown was born in Hunterfield, Scotland, February 15, 1849. He was the son of John and May Young Brown. He was baptized by his father at the age of eight in his native land.

He worked in the coal mines until he was 14 years old. He emigrated to America from Scotland with his father's family in 1863, spending nine weeks on the ocean. They landed in New York and from there they travelled to Omaha by train. A week later they began the journey across the plains. John walked all the way. They came with the Filmore Train with Samuel White as captain. He arrived in Lehi October 7, 1863, where he lived the remainder of his life.

At the age of 17 years, he acted as home guard during the Black Hawk War. He helped build the railroad from Echo Canyon through Weber Canyon to Ogden. He freighted by ox-team to Ruby Valley, Nevada, for eight years.

March 3, 1878, he married Juliet Austin and was father of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters.

He was a farmer and stock raiser most of his life. He spent three years in Colorado as field superintendent for the Great Western Sugar Company.

He was a High Priest in the Latter-day Saint Church and taught the adult class in the Fourth Ward Sunday School.

He died November 15, 1931, at the age of eighty-two years and eight months at Lehi, Utah, and is buried in the Lehi Cemetery.